

he is hereby directed to authorize the Comptroller of Public Accounts to draw a warrant in favor of the said J. P. Dod, in the sum of one hundred and seventy-six dollars to be paid out of the general revenue as compensation for said service, and that said sum is hereby appropriated out of any fund in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the payment of said warrant.

SEC. 3. The importance of speedily getting into the General Land Office the field notes of the various tracts of the excess land recovered from the Capitol Freehold Land and Investment Company, Limited, et al., creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity exists that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended and this be placed upon its third reading and final passage and take effect from and after its passage and it is so enacted.

[Note.— The enrolled bill shows that the foregoing Act passed the Senate, 27 yeas, 0 nays; passed the House 104 yeas, 0 nays.]

Approved March 9, 1925.

Effective March 9, 1925.

AMENDING THE STATUTES PROHIBITING THE ADMITTANCE OF EVIDENCE SECURED BY OFFICERS IN VIOLATION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF TEXAS OR THE UNITED STATES.

S. B. No. 115.]

CHAPTER 49.

An Act to amend Title 8, Chapter 7, of the Code of Criminal procedure of the State of Texas, of 1911, by adding thereto Article 787a, providing that no evidence obtained by any officer or person by the violation of any provision of the Constitution or laws of the State of Texas, or of the United States, shall be admitted in evidence against the accused on the trial of any criminal case; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Title 8, Chapter 7, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, of 1911, be amended by adding thereto Article 787a, to read as follows:

Article 787a. No evidence obtained by an officer or other person in violation of any provision of the constitution or laws of the State of Texas, or of the United States of America, shall be admitted in evidence against the accused on the trial of any criminal case.

SEC. 2. The fact that there has been used against citizens of this State evidence obtained in violation of the constitution of the State, and that there is now no statute expressly forbidding the same, creates an emergency and an imperative public

necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and said rule is so suspended, and that this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

[Note.—The enrolled bill shows that the foregoing Act passed the Senate, no vote given; passed the House, 59 yeas, 51 nays.]

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Effective ninety (90) days after adjournment.

VALIDATING ALL PROCEEDINGS HAD BY GOVERNING
AUTHORITIES OF CITIES OF MORE THAN FIVE THOU-
SAND INHABITANTS IN REGARD TO THE ADOPTION
OF CHARTERS OR AMENDMENTS.

S. B. No. 105.]

CHAPTER 50.

An Act validating the charters and amendments to charters of all cities of more than five thousand inhabitants in this State, which have adopted charters or attempted to adopt or amend charters, since the enactment of Chapter 147, General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, 1913, and validating all proceedings had by city councils or city commissions or other governing authority, of said cities, in regard to the question of the adoption of charters or amendments thereto; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That each charter, and amendment to a charter adopted by any city of more than five thousand inhabitants in this State, or where such city has amended or attempted to amend or adopt such charter, since the enactment of Chapter 147, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, 1913, and all proceedings had with reference thereto, are hereby validated, and are hereby declared to be in full force and effect, the same as if adopted in strict compliance with all the requirements of said Chapter 147, Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

SEC. 2. The fact that the Act of the Thirty-third Legislature authorizing cities of more than five thousand inhabitants to adopt and amend their own charters is a recent one, and its provisions have not been construed by the courts, and that many cities which have undertaken in good faith to incorporate and to adopt and amend their charters may not have complied strictly with all of its provisions and requirements, and that the acts, ordinances and bond issues of such cities may therefore be questioned, although made in good faith and authorized by a majority vote of the qualified voters of such cities, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and